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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SPECIAL GA SESSION CONCLUDES WITH
ADOPTION OF DRAFT DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION

1. THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA ADJOURNED MIDDAY
MAY 3 FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF DRAFT DECLARATION AND
PROGRAM OF ACTION (UNGA DOCUMENT A/S-9/7) PROPOSED BY
THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. THE VOTE WAS 119 IN FAVOR,
WITH NONE OPPOSED AND 21 ABSTENTIONS. THE ABSTENTIONS
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WERE CAST BY THE WESTERN FIVE, THE NORDICS, THE EC-9,
PLUS AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, GUATEMALA, ISRAEL, JAPAN, AND
NEW ZEALAND. OF THOSE ONLY AUSTRALIA MADE AN EXPLANATION
OF VOTE. THE FIVE DECIDED AGAINST AN EXPLANATION
FEELING THAT OUR POSITION WAS ALREADY WELL-KNOWN AND
IS CLEARLY STATED IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. IN ADDITION, WE FELT

THAT AN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BY THE FIVE IN THE FINAL MEETING OF THE SESSION WOULD BE RESENTED, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE DECISION OF THE NORDICS AND THE NINE NOT TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXPLANATIONS. A NUMBER OF STATES WHICH SUPPORTED THE DRAFT DECLARATION DID EXPLAIN THEIR VOTES (SEPTTEL); HOWEVER, MOST OF THEM WERE STATES WHICH HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN IN PLENARY.

2. THE FINAL SPEAKER OF THE DAY WAS SWAPO PRES SAM NUJOMA WHO MADE A BRIEF AND RELATIVELY MILD STATEMENT. HE SAID THAT SWAPO LEAVES ASSURED OF THE RENEWED ASSISTANCE OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE UNGA FOR SWAPO'S JUST STRUGGLE. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THOSE WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO JOIN THE MAJORITY WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE. HE STATED THAT SWAPO IS PREPARED TO RESUME TALKS WITH THE FIVE TO RESOLVE THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND EXPRESSED SWAPO'S "HOPE THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WILL BE FRUITFUL". IN CONCLUSION HE CALMLY ASSURED THE GA THAT "THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SWAPO WILL NOT SUCCUMB TO NEO-COLONIAL MANEUVERS AND WILL INTENSIFY THE ARMED STRUGGLE, IN THE ABSENCE OF AN ACCEPTABLE PROPOSAL, UNTIL ALL OF NAMIBIA INCLUDING WALVIS BAY IS LIBERATED.

3. THE GA PRESIDENT, MOJSOV, THEN ADJOURNED THE
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